

**Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee/Taught Degrees and Awards  
Panel of Education Committee**

**Approved at the meeting of Research Degrees Panel on 1 March 2024 and at the  
meeting of Taught Degrees and Awards Panel on 7 May 2024**

**General Regulations Governing Research Degrees**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Revision to remove the possibility of students transferring from a postgraduate taught course to a postgraduate research programme without following an admissions process and being considered against a gathered field.

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations 2023*,  
<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=grgoveresedegr>

**Effective date**

For all students from Michaelmas term 2024 onwards

**Detail of change**

1. Amend section §2 (cit. ref. 1.12-1.13) as indicated, deleted text is struck through:

~~4. A student already on the register of graduate students and holding the status of student for another degree, and who wishes to read for the M.Sc. by Research, M.Litt., or D.Phil. may apply for transfer to the status of Probationer Research Student, provided that before admitting the student to that status the board concerned shall be satisfied that he or she fulfils the conditions set out in clause 1 above. Students who transfer in this way shall be reckoned as having been admitted as Probationer Research Students from the time they were admitted to their previous status.~~

2. Renumber subsequent clauses accordingly (cit.ref 1.13-1.19).

**Explanatory Notes**

At their meetings in Hilary term 2024/Trinity term 2024, Research Degrees Panel/Taught Degrees and Awards Panel of Education Committee agreed that the General Regulations Governing Research Degrees should be revised to remove the possibility of students transferring from a postgraduate taught course to a postgraduate research programme without following an admissions process and being considered against a gathered field. Postgraduate taught students who wish to apply to a postgraduate research programme will still be able to follow the usual admissions process.